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REMARKS

The above amendments and the below remarks are responsive to the Office Action, dated June 28, 2005, entered in the above referenced pending application. A summary of the amendments to the claims is provided below.

The pending claims are 15, 16, and 19.

Claims 12-14, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

Claim 19 has been added.

Claim 15 has been amended to delete carbon monoxide and to recite that the phosphine and isonitrile ligands have specific structures. Support for these amendment can be found in the Specification at page 16, lines 26-33, and at page 17, lines 5-6, respectively. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 16 has been amended to delete "triphenylphosphine", to be consistent with amended Claim 15. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 19 has been added and it is a device claim directed to the combined compound subject matter of Claims 12 and 13 as an electron transport layer in an organic electron device. Support for Claim 19 can be found in the Specification at page 18, lines 14-19 and 30-32, and one example of an organic electronic device illustrated in Figure 1. No new matter is introduced.

The Examiner's rejections are addressed separately below.

Information Disclosure Statement

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith to include the month and year of the publications indicated by the Examiner as not being considered.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0054198

Claims 13, 14, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0054198 ("*Tsuboyama*").

With respect to Claims 13, 14, and 17, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

With respect to Claim 18, it too has been cancelled.

And, it is respectfully submitted that newly added Claim 19 is directed to subject matter not anticipated by *Tsuboyama*. It particular, Claim 19 recites the use of the specifically claimed compounds in an electron transport layer of the organic electronic device and not simply a layer where holes and electrons are combined, such as a light emission layer where

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the holes and electrons are combined in a layer resulting in light emissions. There is no teaching or suggestion in *Tsuboyama* of using the iridium complexes in an electron transport layer.

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

2. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0048689

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0048689 ("*Igarishi*"). Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome by the amendments to the claims.

Claim 15, as amended, recites that the L' ligand is selected from an isonitrile and a phosphine having the formula $P(Ar)_3$, where Ar is a phenyl group having at least one fluorine or fluorinated alkyl substituent. There is no disclosure in *Igarishi* of isonitrile ligands. Nor is there disclosure of phosphine ligands with a phenyl group having at least one fluorine or fluorinated alkyl substituent.

Claim 16, as amended, recites that the L' ligand is selected from tris[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine; 2,6-dimethylphenyl isocyanide; 3-trifluoromethylphenyl isocyanide; and 4-toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide. None of these ligands is disclosed in *Igarishi*.

In view of the proposed amendments, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 12, 14, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tsuboyama*, above, in view of WO 00/70655 ("*Baldo*").

With respect to Claims 12, 14, and 17, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

With respect to Claim 18, it too has been cancelled.

And, it is respectfully submitted that newly added Claim 19 is directed to subject matter would not have been obvious in view of either *Tsuboyama* or *Baldo*, read alone or together. In particular, Claim 19 recites the use of the specifically claimed compounds in an electron transport layer of the organic electronic device and not simply a layer where holes and electrons are combined, such as a light emission layer where the holes and electrons are combined in the layer resulting in light emissions as suggested by *Tsuboyama* and *Baldo*. There is no teaching or suggestion in *Tsuboyama* or *Baldo*, when read alone or together, of using the iridium complexes in an electron transport layer.

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.


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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above referenced pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 15, 16, and 19 is earnestly solicited.

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